

organization or a group of people would hold a raffle and it would just happen to go over the limit of \$5,000, then they would be in violation of the law. And these groups of people, these organizations are good people. They want to abide by the law and so I think it is fair and just that we pass this law. And what this would do would grant a permit to these organizations a once a year opportunity to hold a raffle. This would be held open for three months. In some of the organizations last year it was hard to tell, it was hard to judge when they would go over the \$5,000 limit and so what this does is just allow them to have a raffle once a year where they could go over the \$5,000 limit. I think that these groups are doing good work for the community and for their churches and stuff and so I think we should pass the bill. The committee did hold an interim study on it last fall and we found that they were justified in asking us to change the law. And so I would urge you to advance this bill and pass it in the end. We did add the emergency clause because this would give them an opportunity to go ahead with this raffle earlier in the summer.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Chambers is next, but may I introduce a couple of guests first. Senator Hartnett has a guest under the south balcony. He is Dick James of Bellevue, Nebraska and he is a member of the City Council at Bellevue. Would you please stand and be recognized. Then in the north balcony we have 22 students who are guests of Senator Sieck and they are from the St. Joseph's School in York, Nebraska. Elaine Holman is their teacher and they are in the eighth grade and would you please stand and be recognized by the Legislature. Thank you. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, Senator Hefner, is he still here? I would like to ask him a couple of questions.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Hefner, are you about?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Oh, he had to go to the phone. Maybe Senator Labedz will answer them for me.

SPEAKER NICHOL: All right. Senator...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: But I would rather have gotten the answers from Senator Hefner. Senator Labedz, are raffles